

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 29-33 are pending. Further to the transmittal letter filed July 22, 2003, claims 2-28 have been canceled in this paper to ensure that this amendment is entered.

II. Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner did not sign page 4 of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 17, 2004. Furthermore, the Examiner did not indicate that the co-pending applications cited on pages 4-7 of the Forms PTO-1449 had been considered. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these cited references, and sign and initial the Forms PTO-1449 indicating that the references have been considered. A duplicate copy of the previously filed Forms PTO-1449 is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

A. U.S. Patent No. 5,968,494

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 29-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,968,494 ("Kukkala"). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Each of the presently pending claims recites that the "composition provides a reshaping effect." The Examiner has asserted that "[hair] reshaping is same [sic] as hair fixatives." Non-Final Office Action at 2.

For a reference to be anticipatory, every element recited in the claim must be disclosed in the reference. See *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of Cal.*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987) ("A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference."). Furthermore, the words of a claim must be given their plain meaning unless Applicant has provided a clear definition in the specification. *MSM Investments Co. v. Carolwood Corp.*, 1339-40, 59 U.S.P.Q.2d 1856, 1859-60 (Fed. Cir. 2001).

In the present specification, Applicants have defined the phrase "reshapable hair styling composition" to mean "a hair styling composition providing hair styling that can be restored or modified without new material or heat being applied." See Specification at page 3, lines 7-9. The specification further states that "[o]ther terms, which may be synonymous with reshapable, include repositionable, remoldable, restyleable, and remodelable."

Kukkala neither teaches nor suggests a composition that has a reshapable effect. In contrast, Kukkala teaches that desirable properties include "a high degree of hold, gloss, curl retention, stiffness, and humidity resistance." See US '494 at col. 1, lines 64-67. Furthermore, Kukkala only discloses applying the composition after the hair has been styled. See, e.g., US '494 at col. 16, line 64 to col. 18, line 63.

Therefore, Kukkala does not teach a composition having a reshapable effect as recited in the claims. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1 and 29-33 over Kukkala is improper, and Applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.

B. U.S. Patent No. 5,626,840

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 29-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,626,840 ("Thomaides"). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

As explained above, the present claims recite a composition that "provides a reshapable effect." Thomaides, however, does not disclose a composition that provides a reshapable effect. Moreover, the disclosure of Thomaides teaches away from a composition having a reshapable effect. Thomaides discloses that the composition has a "stiffness and resistance to combing." See US '840 at col. 14, lines 56-62. Thus, the composition of Thomaides provides resistance to restyling or reshaping the hair.

Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1 and 29-33 over Thomaides is improper, and Applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.

C. U.S. Patent No. 6,495,119

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 29-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,495,119 ("Sturla"). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Sturla discloses a composition for fixing a hairstyle, and states, "[f]ixing of the hairstyle is an important element of styling which can comprise maintaining the shape already given or in shaping the hair and fixing it simultaneously." US '119 at col. 1, lines 18-20. However, the present claims recite that the composition "provides a reshapable effect." Sturla is silent as to a composition having a reshapable effect, or to reshaping or restyling a hairstyle after it has been fixed. Furthermore, a reshapable effect is not

inherently present in a composition that is only disclosed to fix a hairstyle. To establish inherency, the extrinsic evidence must make clear that the missing descriptive matter is necessarily present in the thing described in the reference, and that it would be so recognized by persons of ordinary skill. M.P.E.P. § 2112. The Examiner has not provided any evidence that a reshapable effect is necessarily present in the composition of Sturla.

Therefore, Sturla does not teach all of the limitations recited by the present claims. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 1 and 29-33 over Sturla is improper, and Applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.

IV. Double Patenting Rejections

A. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 2-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-27 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,613,314.

Applicants have cancelled claims 2-28, and therefore respectfully submit that the ground for rejection should be withdrawn as moot.

B. Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 29-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 25-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,613,314, which is assigned to L'Oréal, and which is the parent application to the present application.

While Applicants disagree with the merits of the rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants filed concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,613,314. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submits that this ground for rejection should be withdrawn as moot.

V. Conclusion


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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